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BOAC AWARD WINNERS

NATIONAL FFA BOAC PROGRAM

Appomattox FFA Officers and Advisor last week received National recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. William H. Walker, III, Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., greeted Karen Carter, Chairman of the Chapter's FFA Community Development Committee; Danny Carson, Chapter President; and FFA Advisor B. K. Waddell. The chapter was one of 131 Building Our American Community (BOAC) Winners recognized at the special awards banquet. The banquet was hosted by Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana sponsor of the BOAC program through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

The BOAC program recognizes FFA Chapters for Community Development activities. BOAC awards are presented at the area, state and National level for a wide variety of community development activities including community clean-up, organizing local farmer markets, building community fire halls and many other improvement projects. BOAC provides leadership development opportunities to members by giving them a chance to work with community leaders and organizations.

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FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONTEST

NATIONAL FFA FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONTEST

Members of the Virginia Association FFA State Farm Business Management Team were greeted in Kansas City by (left to right) Mr. Willard Stowell, Director of Marketing Services, Deere & Company of Moline, Illinois. The Team was one of (24) FFA teams participating in the National FFA Farm Business Management Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members (left to right) Karen Carter, Steve Cawthorn, and Tom Ficklin were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach B. K. Waddell of Appomattox, Va. The National Farm Business Management Contest is sponsored by John Deere as a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Gardening Indoors And Out

Elmore P. Jordan
Extension Agent

Cacti are among the easiest of plants to grow in the home. They tolerate low humidity, high temperature, and extended periods without water. You can enjoy their unique beauty throughout the year, and leave on short vacations without bothering to arrange for their care while you are away. The cactus family contains over 10,000 species varying in size from an inch to 65 feet tall. Most of them seem to have originated in Mexico and southwestern U. S. or in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia and Peru. Many miniature forms are available which are fine for indoor plant collectors.

Cactus plants have fleshy stems which serve as moisture storage structures. They usually have ribs which give stiffness, and permit shrinking during periods of drought. A layer of wax protects the plant from excessive water loss. The stems of most species of cacti are protected by small clusters of spines. They may be white, yellow, red, brown, or black. Contrary to widespread belief they are not poisonous.

Cactus flowers are very attractive with a ring of waxy petals around a cluster of stamens. They occur in many colors including white, and shades of yellow, pink, red, blue, and violet. cacti may be started from seeds or from cuttings. Seeds may be sown in spring or early summer, in dishes covered with glass or film to retain humidity. Cuttings may be taken at this time using a sharp knife to leave a smooth surface. They form roots quite readily from cut surfaces, prostrate stems, and individual small side shoots. Cactus roots are thick and somewhat fragile and easily broken. They grow just below the surface of the soil. In nature the roots absorb water rapidly during rain showers, but cannot tolerate constant moisture.

Select shallow containers for cactus plants with a layer of coarse charcoal or gravel in the bottom to provide drainage. Use a moist, light, porous soil mixture containing about one-half sand. Do not water for about two weeks to reduce the possibility of root rot developing.

Small specimens may be transplanted yearly, and large ones about every three years when the plants fill the pot. Use gloves to prevent spines from puncturing the fingers. An ideal way to use cacti is to arrange dwarf types in a large shallow container with a sandy space between the plants to depict a desert scene.

Cactus plants need several hours of direct sunlight each day. Locate your collection in a sunny southwest window. They grow best in a dry atmosphere without drafts. During the active growing period of April, May and June, apply water two or three times each week. Reduce to about one each week in July and August. Increase the frequency of watering during the fall, and decrease to none in November and during the winter rest period. As you may expect from the barren conditions under which cacti usually grow, they require only small amounts of fertilizer. Young plants should receive moderate applications of a low nitrogen house plant fertilizer every two weeks during May, June and July, mature plants should receive this treatment weekly.

Cacti have several uses other than an unusual house plant. The fruits of the Opunita which are about the size and shape of hens eggs are a delicious addition to the diet, in Mexico and Brazil. The spineless forms of this species are used as cattle feed. Dried fibers of the Agava cactus are used to produce rope, sacks, and nets. The juice is used to make the alcoholic beverages pulque, mescal and tequila.

NON-PROFIT SCOUT-CLOSET SET UP IN CONCORD

Mrs. John W. Torbert is going to have a non-profit "Scout Closet" in her home. If you need any Brownie, Cub, Boy or Girl Scout gear in good condition or if you have any to dispose of at moderate prices, please call 993-2839.

THE GREEN IS BEING SEEN

Mrs. Ellen Armentrout and eight of the members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 322 ventured to Camp Sacajawea in Lynchburg on Saturday the 13th of November to spend the night.

Anticipating cold weather, the girls and their leader, Mrs. Armentrout, assisted by Mrs. Joan Paulette and Miss Simmons, packed sleeping bags and all the bare necessity items to have a wonderful yet cold time.

The girls went hiking, built a campfire, built hobo stoves and enjoyed themselves.

Troop 322 had company as Cadette Troop 311 and their leader, Miss Delara Barksdale went also.

The eighth girl missing in the picture is Jan Armentrout who was the photographer for Troop 322.

Jordan

The Spiritual Knights will be celebrating the first part of their anniversary at the Jordan Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. Many of your favorite groups will be singing so plan now to attend. Part 2 will be at the Bowling Hill Baptist Church on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Plan now to attend the Harvest Festival program that will be presented Thanksgiving night at 8 p.m.

On the 4th Sunday evening at 3:00 the annual Memorial Service for Mrs. Mattie T. West will be held.

On the first Sunday night in December at 7:30 the Spiritual Knight and the Golden Crown will be singing here for the benefit of the building fund.

Want New Members

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Billy Carrico is shown above holding a 15-pound Rock Bass he caught at Clearview Lake recently. Also shown in photo with Carrico is his grandson, Dean Thompson. Quite a catch!

Brownie Troop 308

On October 29, the Memorial Methodist Church was the place to be if you were a ghostie or a ghoulie. It was there Brownie Troop 308 held a Halloween Costume Party. All the Brownies, as well as their leaders, Mrs. Barbara Mayberry, Mrs. Thelma Knight, Mrs. Nancy Mayberry, and Mrs. Mildred Thompson, came dressed in costumes. During the telling of a spooky story in a dimly lit room, out leaped a ghost (Mr. Fred Mayberry) causing a minor panic, all in fun of course! A special guest, Madame Norella (played by Mrs. Nora Mayberry) proved the hit of the evening as she told each Brownie's fortune. Because each Brownie wore a prize winning costume, judging them proved difficult, but Miss Lucy Christian won first prize, and all the other Brownies won second prize. There were goodies galore, and every child present took home a treat bag. The leaders deserve special recognition for all the planning, decorating and cleaning up, as well as Mr. Fred and Ralph Mayberry for their help. And the parents really worked on their children's costumes, as well as provided all the refreshments.

The Brownies have been busy selling magazine subscriptions to help our council raise money, and also to raise money for our own treasury. Several Brownies have won a special tin badge, and others have earned a cloth badge to wear on their uniform.

On November 10, Brownie Troop 308, with their leaders and several parents, visited Lane's Aquarium, where they not only greatly enjoyed exploring the Aqarium, but were surprised with a gift of a goldfish, a sample of food, and a book for each Brownie and grownup present, provided free by Mrs. Lane. Our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Lane for allowing our troop to visit.

Then on November 13, most of the Brownies of troop 308 attended a Brownie Day Camp held at Holiday Lake. The Brownies and their leaders, assisted by several parents, held a flag ceremony, built a fire, prepared "Surprise Soup", and then had a Hobo lunch. The Brownies were shown how to make a hand washer from an old milk jug, played games, were taught new songs, & a dance, "Strut Miss Lizzie", which was enjoyed by everyone. There was only time for a short hike, and then after refreshments everyone piled into the cars and van for the trip homeward, very tired, but happy!

Auction

The 1976-77 Senior Class of Appomattox County High School will hold the 2nd annual sale Saturday, November 20, 1976 at 10:30 a.m. at Appomattox County High School. Items have been donated by merchants, parents, and individuals. Come and support the senior class at their sale.

Teresa Cyrus

ROCKS

NOV. 15 - Deer season opened today (Mon.). Hunters out very early. It's much colder now so the hunters won't have to worry about their meat spoiling when why they get it.

Sorry to hear Woodrow Fleshman is back in the hospital.

A number from Rocks attended the Evangelistic Crusade at Elon Church, Pamplin a few nights last week. Evangelist Howard Baldwin, "Sermons in Art", which were drawn during the service with a musical background while the picture is reproduced. The Sermons in Art made a wide appeal to both young and old who heard him. First snow of the season came Thursday morning. It was colder Saturday night. It was 13 ° Sunday morning.

It was good to have Mrs. Carrie Richardson at church Sunday morning for Sunday School and preaching service after having surgery.

Congratulations to Mary Ann Lewis for being the girl of the month of October. She is a senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond attended preaching service Sunday at Piney Ridge Church. Mrs. Joe Almond played for the service.

Group I GA Study Course at Rocks Church on November 20 at 1 p.m. Plan to come.

Christmas Play Practice started at Rocks Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Garrett and daughter, Jeanette, of Lynchburg, were visitors Sunday at Rocks for Sunday School and Preaching Service. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge. On November 24 at Thanksgiving Supper at Rocks 6:30 p.m. Preaching service at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Bowman will conduct the service. This will be on their wedding anniversary.

It was a good day at Rocks Sunday. A large crowd out. It was a very cold day. We were fortunate to have a former pastor, Rev. R. T. Smith, to have charge of the service. Sunday night, Mrs. Smith came along with him.

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Rev. Mitchell Accepts Pastorate At Hebron

Rev. Edgar Mitchell has accepted the pastorate at Hebron Baptist Church. Rev. Mitchell and his wife, Ruth, are shown above in photo with their family.

Rev. Mitchell served as Missions Director for three years for North Riverside Church in the Peninsula Association, he served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, served 7 and ½ years as pastor of Albermarle Church in the Albermarle Association prior to accepting the call to Hebron Baptist Church. He also served three churches in Virginia: Covesville, Mooreland and Hardware. He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School in Kentucky.

Mrs. Mitchell also has had theological studies at Clear Creek Baptist School.

They are the parents of five children: Edgar Mitchell, Jr., married and a teacher in the public school system in Tennessee; Ginger Spencer, married and living at Virginia Beach; David, junior year at Bluefield College; and Bobby and Ricky who are freshman at Appomattox County High School.

A graduate of the Air Force Cadet School in California, he served seven years in the Air Force, served 15 in the Air Force Reserve and retired from the service with the rank of Major.

A warm welcome is extended this family.

CONCORD

Calvary Baptist Church is celebrating the dedication of our new building Sunday Nov. 21, 1976 at 2 P.M. Rev. Willis Switzer will be the guest speaker. There will be special music featuring "The Searchers". There will be an Open House following the dedication service from 3 - 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. Come and join us on this Special Day of Praise and of Thanksgiving to God for all He has done. There will be a covered dish luncheon following morning worship service, so come, bring lunch and stay all day with us. Calvary Baptist Church was first organized December 14, 1901, so in this Bicentennial year our church is celebrating its 75th birthday. Rev. Frank Casper is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

Since this is National Education Week, Concord Elementary School is having Open House, Wednesday, Nov. 17th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Parents are invited to attend their childs classroom while regular instructional programs are in progress. SCA officers will act as guides. Children's work will be displayed in halls and classrooms. Coffee and donuts will be served to parents in the cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Foster became the proud parents of a baby boy born Nov. 4th, Robert Doddridge Foster III, great grandson of the late Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lewis of Appomattox. His paternal grandmother is Love Lewis Foster of Concord. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Foster are also the parents of a daughter, Melissa. The Fosters reside in Concord.

That's all for now folks, see ya soon!

Faye W. Bryant, reporter

Men's Day To Be Held At Nazerath Baptist Church

The pastor, officers, and members of Nazerath Baptist Church are having Men's Day on Sunday, November 21st at 6 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. K. W. Davis is pastor of the church.

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